

Spanish and International Business Itinerary

Alajuela, Costa Rica

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Day	Time	Activities – First week
Saturday or Sunday		Arrive to Costa Rica. Host Families pick up the students at the airport (SJO) if arrival is before 10:00 p.m. Families will be there with a sign with your name on it.
Monday	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	A member of the host family will accompany you to the public bus that stops in front of ICLC facilities. Meet for the introductions to ICLC staff and for Orientation session with ICLC Administration. Break OPI (Oral Proficiency Interview) and writing test. WALKING TOUR and lunch in downtown Grecia. You will take a public bus to get to down town Grecia. The host family will pick you up in a meeting point to show you the way back home.
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Spanish class ALAJUELA CITY TOUR in private transportation. Welcome lunch in the typical restaurant Las Delicias del Maíz. Visit to Sr y Sra Ese – Wood Factory / Exporters (local owners)
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p. m.	Spanish class Lecture (mandatory): Globalization and CAFTA in Costa Rica
Thursday	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p. m. to 4:00 p. m. 	Spanish class Site visit to CINDE (Costa Rican Investment promotion Agency). A CINDE representative will provide explanations. Extra cost: taxi transportation to CINDE.
Friday	08:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class – Exam 5%
Saturday and Sunday		OPTIONAL TOURS AVAILABLE

Day	Time	Activities – Second week
Monday	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class / First mission will be assigned (to visit and search information about specific Institution or topic)
	12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p. m.	Optional mini – course available: Grammar doubts
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class Afternoon free to work on the written presentation
	12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p. m.	
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class / Written presentation: mission assigned 10% (average grade)
	12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p. m.	Optional cultural lecture: The Costa Rican oxcart
Thursday	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d	Spanish class – Exam 5%
	12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p. m.	Site visit: Sarchí (artisans agricultures town / growing through business). Extra cost: public bus transportation.
Friday	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class / Oral presentation: first mission assigned 15% (average grade)
	12:30 p. m. to 3:00 p. m.	Site visit to Banco Nacional (State bank). A bank representative will provide explanations about their services for investors. Extra cost: taxi transportation to the National Bank.
		
Saturday and Sunday		OPTIONAL TOURS AVAILABLE

Day	Time	Activities – Third week
Monday	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class / Second mission will be assigned Afternoon free to work on the written presentation
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class / Written presentation: mission assigned 10% (average grade)
	12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p. m.	Cultural lecture: How to prepare tamal
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class
Thursday	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class – Exam 5%
	12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p. m.	Site visit to: Birds Zoo – (Nature and business) Extra cost: taxi transportation and entrance fee.
Friday	08:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class / Oral presentation: second mission assigned 15% (average grade)
Saturday and Sunday		OPTIONAL TOURS AVAILABLE

Day	Time	Activities – Fourth week
Monday	08:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p. m.	Spanish class / Third mission will be assigned Optional mini – course available: Grammar doubts
Tuesday	08:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class Afternoon free to work on the written presentation
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p. m.	Spanish class / Written presentation: third mission assigned 10% (average grade) Optional cultural activity: Dancing class
Thursday	08:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p. m.	Spanish class – Exam 25% Site visit: Children’s Hospital in San José (Social Security System). Extra cost: public bus transportation
Friday	08:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class Oral presentation: third mission assigned 15% (average grade) Certificate of Completion and farewell activity
Saturday and Sunday		Return to USA Airport tax: \$27

Some of the places available to search during missions:

INS (National insurance company)

EBAIS clinic - Hospital
(To find out about Costa Rican health system / Social Security system)

Cross cultural differences: Interview with owner-foreigner (Hotel Linda Vista / Hotel Vista del Valle / Hotel Orquídeas)

INCAE (Business School)

AMCHAM The American Chambers of commerce

